GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7272
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SETTING UP OF TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION CENTRE
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the need to modernise the handloom industry in the country to enable them to produce improved varieties of handloom products;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to extend enough financial assistance for setting up of more Technology Upgradation Centres in the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, Kerala in particular;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other measures taken to modernise the handloom industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) to (d) At present 24 Weavers Service Centres are functioning in the country, including one in Kerala at Cannanore, under the Government of India, as per details given below, they provide services to handloom industry for technology ungradation-

S.No	State	Location
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad, Vijayawada
2.	Assam,Nagaland,Arunachal Pradesh Mizoram, Meghalaya	Guwahati
3.	Bihar	Bhagalpur
4.	Delhi,Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir	Delhi
5.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
6.	Haryana,Punjab	Panipat
7	Karnataka	Bangalore
8.	Kerala,Lakshadweep&Minicoy Islands	Cannanore
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Raigarh, Indore
10.	Maharashtra,Goa,Daman&Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Mumbai, Nagpur
11.	Manipur	Imphal
12.	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
13.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
14.	Tamil Nadu,Pondicherry,Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Chennai,Kancheepuram Salem,

15. Tripura Agartala
16. Uttar Pradesh Varanasi,Meerut,
Chamoli,
17. West Bengal, Sikkim Calcutta

e) The Government of India, from the year 1997-98, has introduced a Scheme for extending financial assistance to State Governments desirous of setting up of Weavers Service Centre in Handloom intensive areas.